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THE POST, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Hoar Is Out of Tune.

Hon, George F. Hoar, the senior Senator from Massachusetts, has no more sincere admirer and well-wisher than The Post. We believe him to be an honest and conscientious man, a patriotic citizen, and a wise law-giver. Moreover, he is an accomplished scholar and an ear- opinion that by transferring the election nest and painstaking publicist. It would of Senators from the Legislatures to the be impossible for us to question the genu- people we shall obtain better results as ineness of Mr. Hoar's convictions or to doubt the high and noble purpose of any enterprise of which he was the author. It remains a fact, however, that Mr. Hoar is only human after all. He is islatures, their own creation, ere open to capable of errors and misapprehensions. and we need no better illustration of this truth than his present attitude with reference to the Philippines.

Mr. Hoar is not only mistaken, he is inconsistent also, for while he is now denouncing our policy of expansion in the Philippines, he is on record as having voted for the acquisition of the Hawaiian group. If the former be open to blame, then the latter was wicked and inexcusable. The Philippines have come to us without our seeking, as the logical result of a successful war. We took Hawail without the smallest justification in morals. The plea that we had been asked to annex the Sandwich Islands will not bear serious examination. We were asked by a handful of white men who had seized the government. The great masses of the people were as averse to our occupation are the Filipinos themselves. philosopher like Mr. Hoar should not take refuge in forms and technicalities. He knows as well as we do that the Hawailans would have voted, twenty to one, in favor of retaining their autonomy, and he sanctioned the seizure-for that is what it amounted to-in the full convic- able to classify the causes, tion of this fact. Events made it our duty to assume the responsibility for law and order and civilization in the Philippines. Our annexation of Hawaii was we begin at the beginning. Give us a mere caprice, without the shadow of necessity or obligation to defend it. How can Mr. Hoar champion the indulgence of very little difference whether Senators a caprice and in the same breath execrate the performance of a duty?

We do not apprehend that Mr. Hoar is losing touch with his own constituents. All indications point the other way. But it is safe to say that he is a jarring and bridge was formally inducted into the ofdiscordant note in the chorus of Ameri- fice of Mayor of Philadelphia, to which can public sentiment at this time. One he had been elected by the solid vote of cannot conceive a more pathetic spec- both factions of the Republican Party, tacle than that of a benovelent and ad- and with the apparent consent of some mirable old gentleman preaching fan- thousands of his Democratic fellow-cititastic altruism to a fighting nation with zens, for they found it convenient to be its blood up. Even the spectacle of absent from the polls. This popular gen feeble King Canute, screaming and ges- tleman was promoted from Coroner to ticulating at the senseless tide, was hard- Mayor at a single step, or, rather, runly more sorrowful to look at.

America and The Hague Conference.

A Western contemporary expresses surprise and regret that so little interest is shown by the people of the United States in "the approaching international peace conference." It is not, properly speaking, a "peace" conference. The Czar, in his invitation to the powers, did not intimate that he believed it possible or desirable to abolish war by abolishing armies and navies and relegating fighting men to the That is a question that he has doubtarmament" conference in a limited and which no answer can be made until time peculiar sense. Not that the powers are and events furnish it. to consider the practicability of reducing, at once, their military establishments, but that they are to inquire and determine whether they cannot get along without increasing the present burdens. It may be the hope of the Russian ruler that a frank interchange of views will bring find favor with one faction would be to about such conditions as will eventually lead to a beginning of actual disarmament-a general reduction of standing armies. But there has been no practical development in Russia or in any other European country since the inauguration and ringsters, and to abolish fraud and of the movement for The Hague conference calculated to encourage a belief that it is taken very seriously anywhere.

It was only as a matter of formal courtesy that the invitation was sent to really determined to fulfill the roseate the United States. We have never had a hopes centered on him, can accumulate military establishment which the Russian a large stock of experience, and can find or the German Emperor would regard as consolation for failure in the conscious a standing army. And if the increase re- ness of having done his best. cently authorized by Congress should be permanent, our army would be insignificant in numbers as compared with Eu-South might pick up an occasional reropean armies. If the Czar could have deeming feature if they were so disposed. a perfect guarantee against any encroach- For instance, The Post finds in the news ment by a foreign power, he would not deem it expedient to dispense with any the colored brother doesn't always get considerable part of his forces. He needs, the worst of it: and his successors for many generations will need, for home duty and for the carrying out of Russia's plans in the Orient, an army compared with which ours is as a regiment to a corps.

But the Czar's proposition has not failed to attract attention in this country. We shall be represented at The Hague conference and shall occupy a unique position as the only power that has attained to greatness without a large standing army. Our delegate can point to years magnificent progress, of growth and development unexampled in the history of the world, when we had but 20,000 men under arms. That was the fighting strength which led the march of civilization across the continent, often facing a wily, treacherous, savage foe. As an object lesson to Russia, France, Germany, Austria, and Italy our attendance at The Hague should be valuable. But that conference cannot teach us any lesson. We have no load that we can throw off at Cuban Assembly. present. And we need no admonition from the armed camps of Europe to induce us to keep our military establishment at the lowest figure consistent with safety and

Our Western contemporary must have overlooked one manifestation of interest in the Czar's movement, to wit, the re-

cent meeting in Philadelphia, "In the in-The Washington Post cent meeting in Philadelphia, "in the interest of international peace and a permanent tribunal of arbitration." One of the resolutions adopted at this meeting expresses the hope that our delegate at The Hague "will advocate the establish ment of a permanent international tribunal of arbitration whose relations to the nations of the world would be similar to those of the United States Supreme Court

to the States of the American Union.'

gathering. It is well to have a great con-

other would dare attempt an explanation

of that resolution. How an international

tribunal of arbitration could be related to

the nations of the world as our Supreme

Court is to the States of this Union is a

question that we do not believe our Su-

preme Court could answer. When the na-

tions shall have formed a federation un-

der a written constitution, that scheme

may be practicable, but it cannot be inau-

gurated without such preparation. And

tions, however imposing the array of

In the New York Journal of last Sun

day appears an article from the gifted

the election of Senators by the direct

vote of the people, and offering a number

of very alluring arguments in favor of his

confer upon it. In our opinion he is

easily the most brilliant and forceful

writer in this country to-day. But we

cannot agree with Mr. Ingalls in the

regards the personnel of the upper house

of Congress. It is an attractive theory

that the masses can be trusted to act

with unselfish integrity, whereas the Leg-

us, however, that a dishonest Legislature

means simply a dishonest constituency.

What we chiefly need, according to our

view of the matter, are suffrage laws

under which the ignorant and the thrift-

less cannot vote and the corruptible can-

not trade upon their franchise. Legis-

latures are no better and no worse than

the people who make them. If, as Mr.

Ingalls alleges, it be true that money

buys seats in the United States Senate,

we reply that the same money which

buys the local law-maker will buy his con-

stituents. It may take a little more.

The area of venality will have to be ex-

panded. But the result will be the same,

with the difference that we shall have

by widening the field of its activity.

Under the existing system we can at

least locate the seat of the evil and iden-

tify the agencies of its propagation.

Under the plan proposed by Mr. Ingalls-

with bribery and corruption flourishing

in every city slum and rural primary-we

should have the same abhorrent conse-

quences without the satisfaction of being

Upon the whole, we can see no hope of

purifying the machinery by which United

States Senators are turned out, unless

pure ballot-box, assure us of intelligent

and responsible voters, and it will make

are chosen by the people themselves or

An Impossible Task

ning jump, an unusual occurrence, for

the persons to whom a Coroner's atten-

tions are chiefly directed are incapaci-

tated for political activity or influence be

fore he takes up their cases. His elec-

the United States, and the first in manu-

factures and in practical benevolence, was

a compliment paid to worth. Few oill-

cials have ever been more loudly called

and most respected man on earth. To

incur the animosity of the other. To dis-

regard both and do just what seems right

The new Mayor is expected to inaug-

urate an era of reform, to banish rings

corruption. This will probably not be ac-

complished, for the Council will not stand

by the Mayor unless it violates a long

line of precedents. Still, his honor, if

Those persons who are so given to pic

turing the downtrodden negro of the

columns of the Hawesville (Ky.) Clarion

the following illustration of the fact that

"A funny feature of the first day of Circuit Cour

shooting. Each had a separate trial before the san

ury, and there was only one witness for the pros

tion, as they were all engaged in the same gan

ored, was acquitted."

Amos Builington was fined \$20 and costs; G. W. Hogan obtained a hung jury, while Peter Banks, col-

The Post hastens to congratulate

Washington Hogan is under a cloud be-

cause of their invasion of the favorite

the future Peter Banks will take up his

ones" with a feeling that the colored

prother has a few rights the white man

At any rate, Gen. Eagan has managed

liberal contribution to the appetite of the

Ex-Congressman Enloe, who retired t

private life via the journalistic grave-

ask the candidate's favorite brand of ir-

The height of political cruelty is reached

by the Omaha World-Herald when it digs

It appears that Mr. Coen made a

yard, has prepared a Democratic

accompany war heroism

rigation.

been punished, and that George

isfaction of knowing that Amos Bu

three parties on a charge of crap

would raise up a swarm of tormentors,

H. Ash-

by their genuine representatives.

names behind such fulminations.

Mr. Hoar carefully avoids all reference to the policy by which his ancestors accired the territory upon which they set-Ex-Senator Edmunds is Chairman of the executive committee appointed by this

ferred to by the young man.

up and publishes the old letters of Hon.

fusion between the Democrats and the

band play "There'll Come a Time Some

and yesterday was the time re-

It is confidently believed that the Cubans will eventually simmer down and pocket the \$3,000,000 insult. stitutional lawyer in that position, for no

Col. Gustav Augerstein, the general field agent of the National Constitutional Cromwellian League, should lose no time in rigging up the Coin Harvey depart-ment of the Miles boom.

Admiral Kautz will not come up to the ers until he begins to complain of the quality of the beef.

An Atlanta library association has requested Joe Jefferson to play one night for its benefit. Association is a great developer of nerve. A Philadelphia man has been sued for

be hard work to convince an intellig ury that there is \$5,900 worth of squeeze n a Philadelphia girl's hand. Quite a number of politicians show a disposition to "hitch on" to Carter Har-

\$5,000 for squeezing a girl's hand. It may

ison's political future. Dick Croker is to be the star witness n Tom Platt's police investigation. Tom proposition. It goes without saying, of course, that any hypothesis set up by proposes to give a great show.

None of the newspapers has gone so Mr. Ingalls is invested with all the charm far as to refer to the Vanderbilt-Fair wedding as "a quiet affair." that a suave and opulent rhetoric can If the National Cromwellian League has any funds in its treasury it should has-ten to invest them in lithographs of its

Presidential candidate. The community that pays Sam Jones good money for injuring its feelings is entitled to no sympathy.

A Michigan man undertook to decorate the 1st of April with a hanging joke in which he essayed the stellar role. Owing to the faulty construction of the paraphernalia and the negligence of his ascorrupt and evil influences. It seems to thing, and the domain of Pingree is shy one humorist.

> Col. Watterson may be forced to the extremity of playing a banjo and crying his political nostrums on the street corners The Democratic National Committee should turn its attention to the Baltimore

Democrats. They, too, ignored the Chiago platform in their municipal conven-

Some of the busy rural editors are inclined to get the Samoan situation mixed with the Philippine affair. The next Democratic Presidential tick-

uld be constructed on octopus Otherwise, the various factions will not have a chance at the leg pullmore rascals in politics. We fail to see how this particular disease is to be cured

Owing to a scarcity of dates, the Hon. Billy Mason's anti-imperialistic monologue has been forced into retirement.

The retired naval officers who are writing so copiously about the mistakes of Cervera have pounced down on a very easy mark. The mistakes of the man who fails are easily located and not hard to exploit.

Having thoroughly demonstrated the wickedness of all metropolitan editors, Col. Charles H. Jones is now engaged in writing pieces on the evils of militarism. Col. Jones goes from scare-crow to scarecrow with the persistence and regularity of a non-union bee in honey-making time.

young Indiana statesmen who would make a Vice Presidential candidate moment to result in a riot, some of the Corwin. So is Tom Reed and other noof Admiral Schley ought to understand that it is not fair to plan a political that it was their future King in person burial without the consent of the vic-

Mr. Dick Croker has placed his branon Carter Harrison's candidacy. Dick compelled to go a considerable distance from home to secure his bandwagon material.

Mr. Quay is disposed to lay aside his Mother Hubbard and dress the Harrisburg part with a little more care.

Gomez's letter to his wife may quare the old gentleman with the Cuban Assembly, but it may, in a measure atone for his long absence from his own reside and enable him to regain possession of the family night key. It would seem that the Nebraska Legis-

ture passed that resolution congratu lating our troops in the Philippines for the sole purpose of enabling the Populist tion by an unprecedented majority to the chief magistracy of the third city in Governor to exhibit the length of his ears.

The Democratic National Committee got into the Chicago municipal campaign just in time to get a good soaking.

How the Day Was Saved.

to office than Mayor Ashbridge. How from the Chicago Evening Post.

They were discussing the details of projected county exhibition of fat stock, poultry, and crochet work. "I think," said the Chairman, "that all the preliminaries have been attended to." An angular man in the back of the hall stood up. "Have Mayor Ashbridge is expected to do imyou invited Dewey?" he asked. possible things. The first of these is to all was confusion. It was a terrible oversatisfy the leaders of both of the fiery, sight, but one man's forethought saved fighting factions. This would exceed the the day. capacity of the wisest, the most tactful.

Disarmament.

rom the Detroit Journal. As for Mars, he affected indifference when the Czar was mentioned. "Let them disarm, if they like!" exclaimed the god of war. "I don't care a tinker's caramba! of war. "I don't care a tinker's caramoa:
I'll simply infuse a little more ginger into
the theological controversies and nobody'll
know there ever was a peace conference!"
It was pretty hard for men so to arrange
It was pretty hard for men so to arrange ular Olympian deities out of employment

Why He Stopped It. From the Indianapolis Journal.

The Business Manager-One of our life ng subscribers has stopped the paper on account of your literary reviews. The Editor-I am sincerely sorry they are not good enough for him.

s Manager-Oh, they are too He says any paper that devotes so much study to a lot of gol-dern novels that ain't nothing but lies can't have the time to attend to politics properly.

Simply Execuable

From the Indianapolis Journal.
"Don't you know," asked the Mohammedan, "that the ringing of a bell fills the air with devils?" It was the Sabbath morn. "I have heard such," answered th

slip up on the peals before they get very Smoothing It Over.

From Tit.Rite

Hawesville justice on its fine sense of discernment. Peter Banks, colored, is not only vindicated, but he has the sat-Parker-Who was that ruffianly looking fellow I saw with you to-day, Hicks?"
Hicks-Be careful, Parker! That man was my twin brother. "By Jove! Forgive me, old man; I ought of the persecuted black man. In to have known.!'

Hot Scotch.

From Puck.

Papa, why does the owl hoot?" asked the little sparrow one night. "Oh! I sup pose he thinks it's Scotch dialect," replied to escape all the inconveniences which the old sparrow, bitterly; for he was tired of being kept awake.

No Daytime Nap.

From the Chicago Record.
"Don't you ever take a nap in the day-No; it's too much trouble to get awake ore than once a day."

A Depressing Discovery. It is an awful shock to find that we

FRESH GOSSIP OF FOREIGN CAPITALS.

When Mr. McKisson retired from that effort to defeat Mark Hanna he had the Queen Wilhelmina's action in placing at the disposal of the forthcoming Peace Conference at The Hague her palace, known as the Huistenbosch, which in English means "the house in the woods," constitutes a happy augury for this con-gress, which is expected to exercise such an extraordinary degree of influence upon the future civilized world. It is importo imagine a spot more calculated to promote sentiments of peace and harmony than this sylvan retreat of the rulers of

It is just a pleasant drive from Th Hague, among a fine, wide avenue known as the "Veerhout," lined with rows of great trees and beautiful mansions. The palace stands in the midst of a beautiful park, with herds of deer and gay-plumaged birds-a rark expectation of the highly feathered sol- that far and away surpasses the home park at Windsor, in magnificent timber, dense undergrowth, winding lakes and views over hill and dale, calculated to en-

Externally, the palace is of an unpre tending character, but within it is characterized by an extraordinary degree of luxury. The feature of the interior is the celebrated Orange Hall, where the sessions of the Peace Conference are to be held. It was built by the grandmother of that Prince of Orange who afterward became King William III of Eng-land, in memory of her husband, Prince Frederick Henry of Orange. The walls are entirely covered with pictures descriptive of events of that Prince's life, painted by pupils of Rubens, while the ceiling is painted in part by Rubens himself, and partly by Jordaens. The hall in question is octagonal in shape, and the lofty roof is domed. In the Chinese hall the walls are covered with tapestry of Chinese rice paper, while in the so-called Japanese hall, and in the Queen's boudoir, the tapestry is of Japanese embosses needle-work on silk, presented by the Emperor of Japan to Prince William V of Orange more than 100 years ago. The chandeliers in the palace are Dresden and Sevres porcelain, or else of

exquisite Venetian glass.

The moment when "the house in the woods" is at its best is, of course, in spring, that is to say, the time appointe stants, the prank developed into a real for the meeting of the conference, when the gardens surrounding the palace mind the scenes described in the Arabian Nights.

Baron Alfred de Stern, the London ulti-millionaire, who has just been judicially pronounced insane, and whose pe-culiar form of insanity lies in his firm onviction that he is the Prince of Wales presents, a striking resemblance to the British heir apparent. Indeed, the insanity specialists do not hesitate to declare that the lunacy of the Baron has been argely developed and fostered through his being so frequently mistaken by strangers for the Prince of Wales and acorded the homage and tokens of respect ue to the latter.

The Baron, who is a brother of Lord Waudsworth, and likewise of Lady Sher-borne and of Lady Salomons, invariably of late has insisted in being addressed as "Sir" and as "Royal Highness," and among other peculiarities which he Mississippi as a candidate for the United adopted was that whenever he drank a States Senate against Anse McLaurin, bottle of wine at dinner or at luncheon the insisted upon flinging the empty bottle through the window into the street below, declaring that royal personages always get rid of their empty bottles in this fashior

Last year he created a considerable disturbance in Pall Mall, at the very failed in duty to the best interests of his height of the season, by endeavoring to force his way into Marlborough House. declaring that he was its master and that he had a right to enjoy admission into his own pala

Owing to his extraordinary resemblance spectators being under the impression who was being thus roughly handled and the object of an outrage.
What convinced the court, however,

hat the Baron was wholly insane was Chief Magistrate, on learning that he, the Prince of Wales, was locked up as a lunatic at Elthan Park, a place, by the by, which formerly belonged to "Colonel" North, the Nitrate King.

Baron de Stern is by no means the only man whose insanity has been brought about by his extraordinary likeness to a oval personage. Thus the late Empero Alexander's double was the well-known Danish banker, Carlsven, a man almos as wealthy as Baron Stern.

Flattered, in the first place, by the omments excited by his astonishing remblance to the Muscovite autocrat, he set to work to increase it by every means in his power, copying the cut of the Emperor's beard, imitating his majesty's gestures and the full tones of his roice, and actually going to the length of having the top of his head shaved, in rder to ape the Czar's baldness. By and by he refused to go out driving

in anything else than a carriage and four, deeply gratified when the occasionally mistook him for the and saluted him as such, manifestations of respect which he receives in the condescending manner very comical to

Everything would have been all right if matters had stopped there. But the bank er became so thoroughly imbued with the idea that he was not the Emperor's dou-ble, but the Emperor himself, that he ecame convinced he was in danger ssassination by the Nihilists, and he latter were plotting by night and lay to take his life. in a lunatic asylum as hopelessly

The fact that many prominent peo ple possess doubles goes far to rm the doctrine held in India that all men are created in pairs, and under the circumstances it is by no means improb-able that many of the shortcomings laid to the charge of these or of those great personages may have been perpetrated by their doubles. Thus to the knowledge of the French police the late Prince of Orange, so well known by his Parisian ickname of "Citron," had several doubles, and without desiring in any way to excuse him, it is a fact that many of the escapades laid at his door were in reality erpetrated by his alter egoes. Nor should omit mention of old Father Godillot. the military contractor at Paris, who was the exact counterpart of Napoleon III. for whom he used continually to be taken all the more as he got into the way of but they do no harm. They imitating all his sovereign's manneric such as the dropping of the eyelids, the stroking of the heavy mustacne, and hove all the peculiar waddling walk.

People were never tired of making fun f this resemblance, and whenever the imperial government perpetrated any act of policy that the public considered as a mistake, they would insist that the as a mistake, they would insist that the fault was due, not to Napoleon, but to Godillot, on the ground that whenever the Emperor felt too bored to attend the Council of Ministers, he would send Godillot to take his place, the resemblance being so streng that the Ministers would never know the difference.

Godillot died the other day at a chateau near Nice, and was visited last year by Queen Victoria for the purpose of inspecting his hot houses and flowers. On comment being made in his presence as to the graciousness displayed by the Queen, he replied:

eplied:
"Oh, you see, she couldn't very well
help it, she was continually taking me for

The royal personage who suffered most through her double was Queen Marle Antoinette of France, whose name was dragged into the blackest of mud in connection with the historical diamond necklace scandal, owing to one of the principal actors therein being her living counterpart, a resemblance indeed upon which the ringleaders of the conspiracy based their hones of immunity from Junishment. have been polite to people who were not their hopes of immunity from punishment worth it.

NOT THE WOMAN LEGISLATORS.

A Story from Colorado that Was Not Founded on Fact. Editor Post: In The Post, of March 22,

Mr. J. L. Prince, of Cripple Creek, makes statement in regard to Colorado legisla-Mr. J. L. Prin tors so grossly insulting, and so contrary to the facts, that some effort has been made to prove the falsity of his charges. After saying that the good people of Colorado persistently advocate the purifying influence of women voting in the State, Mr. Prince relates how the fac-tions epposed to a certain bill laid a plan by which 'two female members of the Legislature invited to a little supper two of the male advocates of the bill, and while the latter were so entranc ed with the bewitching attentions of their hostesses as to be off guard, a subsidized in the beer or wine."

In a letter to me, from Mrs. Harriet G. Wright, a member of the Colorado House, she says that "Mr. Prince's faise that far and away surpasses the highest and misleading statement and vile sian-dense undergrowth, winding lakes and der" was read by the prominent mem-streams, crossed by rustic bridges, and with the greatest surprise, "and the memtrance an artist and all admirers of na-ture. bers from Cripple Creek were justiy in-dignant." Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Lee, and Dr. Mary F. Barry, the three woman membe of the Legislature, all favored and voted for the bill referred to; therefore, they could have no object in presiding at a sup-per to defeat it. The truth is, the hos-tesses at the supper "were hired by mer outside the Legislature;" and they are fully explained in a letter from Hon. William G. Smith, Speaker of the Colorado House of Representatives, which accompanied Mrs. Withtight.

House of Representatives, which accompanied Mrs. Wright's letter.

The expressions of this man Prince, considered with the facts in the case, so thoroughly explain the man that further comment is necessary. He evidently, and very justly, does not approve of woman legislators indulging in the dis-honorable tricks of the traditional polltician; but he seems to carry his restric-tions no further. The following is Mr. Smith's letter:

State of Colorado, House of Representatives

Denver, Col., March 27, 1899.

Dear Str. 1 bear Str. 1 Dear Sir: I have just noticed a clipping from you paper, under date of March 22, insinuating that t paper, under date of March 22, insinuating that the woman members of the House of Representatives of Colorado, have been guilty of a conspiracy to prevent passage of a certain measure, by inveigling ple of the members from registering their vote of fiew is said to be from a Mr. Prince, of Crippi ek, and charges the female legislators with con piring by disreputable means to accomplish the pu pose charged. I desire to correct this misstatement. The women who were charged with trying to use 'knock-out drops' upon members were out eputable persons, who were not connected reputable persons, who were not connected with the Legislature, but who were excluded from the floor of the House by the undersigned. Our woman members re all of the highest character and standin

will the ingrest character and standing. Yours truly.

WILLIAM G. SMITH, Speaker.

En passant, one is almost tempted to think that the two men might be criticised for accepting the invitation to the "little supper," and it would seem that there would be no risk in selecting two good women to fill their places in the Colorado Legislature. Legislature. Apr. 2, 1899. NETTIE LOUISA WHITE.

HUMOR IN THE SENATE.

A Complete Refutation of the Theory that Wit Is Not Wanted There. From the St. Louis Ren

John Allen is engaged in canvassing the present Governor.

experiences of statecraft, not that in the many years of his public service he has failed in duty to the best interests of his the Democratic Party-but that he is a his first official report upon the condition humorist.

He is a humorist because he would rather attract and entertain than bore his au-ditors. It is a trifle late for the charge to the Prince of Wales, the spectacle which he presented struggling in the hands of the police threatened at one the sense that John Allen is. So was Tom the sense that John Alien is. So was Tom table living successes in politics.

As to the allegation that humor has no function in the Senate, possibly the reverse is true. That is the place where it is badly needed; because genius presupposes the faculty of humor in the when he solemnly assured the masters man who possesses the faculty of humor in the man who possesses it, and genius is need in lunacy and the jury that the real ed in the upper chamber of our National cause of President Faure's sudden death Legislature, whose seats have, since the was the shock sustained by France's late ascendancy of the Republican Party and ed in the upper chamber of our Nationa trusts, been held largely by manipu the Senate as much as rain in the Bac Lands of Arizona and New Mexico.

Already this refreshing quality has be gun to slightly irrigate the dryness of the Senate. Billy Mason irrupted two years ago, and that side-whiskered recor-

oir of merriment, Dr. Chauncey Depew, has received authority to sprinkle it with his jests when next it gets itself together. John Allen would make a strong addition to the relaxation forces of the country grave and millionaire seniors. Rich as is his humor, and brilliant as

his wit, Private Allen will attract by a rarer quality than either of these in th United States Senate. For, despite many years of lucrative practice as ; lawyer and his many years of unjucrative practice as a Congressman, John Allen is a poor man. And for a poor man to get into the Senate in these deadlocking days is nearly as hard as to climb a greased pole backward

WHERE FREE SPEECH IS UNKNOWN. In Prussia Prosecutions for Lese Majeste Are Increasing.

From the Philadelphia Press. The recent snowballing of Crown Prince Gustav, acting Regent of Sweden and Norway, in the Norwegian capital at Christiania, is in rather sharp contrast to the state of affairs in Prussia, where the Crown Prince's friend, William, rules One cannot imagine any subject snowballing the Kaiser; to whisper a criticism may mean imprisonment in a fortress and now comes the reprimanding and fining of Prof. Delbruck, professor of his tory in the University of Berlin, for his emarks about the government's anti-Danish policy in Schleswig-Holstein.

The disciplinary inquiry was instituted last December and created a great sensation in Prussia, because Prof. Delbruck is not only known as a sound scholar and brilliant lecturer, but was once the tutor of the Kaiser's younger brother, and for bravery during the Franco-Prussian War was called from the ranks and created an officer on the field of battle. The professor is also a Conservative member of the Reichstag, and yet because he wrote an article declaring against the expulsion of the Danes from the Danish provinces of Prussia he comes to grief. All of which es to show that free speech is rathe a dangerous indulgence in Prussia even if one be a great historian

Just where this repression will end is not clear. The aggressions of the Prussia speech in the open forum and the universpeech in the open forum and the university seminar have been carried to an extraordinary degree. Prosecutions for lese majeste not only are on the increase, but occur for the most trivial offenses. No one is safe, and, with the fate of Prof. Delbruck, the Prussian professor will have a new terror added to life. As Prof. Quidde foresaw, "Caligula" is on the throne. If the absolutism of Prussia does not provoke a reaction human nature s not provoke a reaction human natur s differently constituted in Berlin than elsewhere. There is a limit to the fear and admonition of bureaucracy, and it would seem to have been reached.

Very Awkward.

From the Detroit Journal.
"Beloved," he cried, throwing himself at his wife's feet, "we have lost all save The woman pressed her hand to her

streaming eyes and wept as if her heart were breaking. "How awkward!" she sobbed. "Just the thing we don't need if we've got to dead-Verily, it seemed that a relentless fate

Entertainment and Profit.

Prom the Detroit Pres Press.
"Was that sleight-of-hand man's exhibition successful, Mudge?" "I think so; I lent him a counterfeit silver dollar, and he gave me back a good

DEMAND ROBERTS' EXPULSION.

Evangelical Churches of Ctah War Against

the Polygamons Congressman-elect New York, April 3.-The Phomas C. Iliff, of Salt Lake City, ad-iressed the Methodist preachers' weekly meeting, in this city to-day, on "The Present Situation in Utah." Dr. Iliff has een the Superintendent of the Methodist Mission in Utah for twenty-five years. He is making his present trip as the Chairman of a committee representing the evangelical churches of Utah to prevent the admission to the next House of Representatives of Brigham H. Rob-erts. In the course of his address Dr.

"If Brigham H. Roberts is permitted to sit in Congress, it will be interpreted in every Mormon hamlet as the fulfillment of Brigham Young's prophesy, and also as nationalizing polygamy. The mons will redouble their energies. ready they may be said to hold the bal-ance of power in Idaho and Wyoming, and they are very strong in Nevada, Arizona, and in Southwest Colorado. The other day the wife of a Senator from a State adjoining Utah, herself a Methodist was asked to use her influence on behalf of our crusade. She replied that she could not do anything about that matter. That shows the Mormon influence in

"We ask that Congress shall expel Roberts. We at first petitioned that he be not received, but after conferring with Senator Edmunds and others, we think that the proper procedure is to expel

SENATOR HANNA ENTERS DENIAL Declares He Never Rad Anything to Do

with Any Army Contract. In a note to the Associated Press, from Thomasville, Ga., Senator Mark Hanna

"I see in the newspaper reports that one Maj. Lee has attempted to drag my name into the case by questions which conveyed the impression that I was present fight as hopeless shot at some conference where beef contracts 1896 be again chosen." were discussed. I wish to say that I never had anything to do with any army con tract, nor even exchanged a word with the \$1 per head banquet in New York any official of the War Department on opposition to Mr. Croker's \$10 per plate that subject. I make this statement in dinner, which Col. Bryan refused to at order that it may have the same publici- | tend, really desire to emphasize the ty as was given to the contemptible in-

inuations of this man Lee." The Beef Inquiry Board had no wit-tesses before it yesterday. Maj. Lee, who esses before it yesterday. Maj. Lee, who represents Maj. Gen. Miles, presented an form' Democrats who think that is enough to expend upon a square additional list of witnesses for the Board to summon, and this list was considered in executive session. The examination of witnesses will be resumed to-day. Among these who are here ready to testify is those who are here ready to testify is those who are here ready to testify is those who are here ready to testify is the server that the characteristic of the country a quarter of a dollar will buy a very fair dimer. Of course, to this class the \$10 scheduler of Messrs. Belmont and Croker looks Maj. Daly, who first made the charge that like a piece of wanton extravagance

CANADA WITHOUT DEFENSES.

Gen. Hutton Reports that Her Military Force Is Not an Army.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 3.-A special from

"It is now publicly admitted that the inion of Canada is without defenses and has no army worthy of the name. This statement is made upon the authorty of the head of the supposed army, General who commands it. Gen Hutton is a first-class imperial officer, who has seen active service in various parts of the empire, notably in Egypt, where he has served with Gordon, Sir

Evelyn Wood, and Kitchener.
"He has been newly-appointed to the command of the Canadian forces, and of the supposed army has created more than a mild sensation in military, civil, and political circles in Canada. The General declines to speak of the force at all as an army. In fact, he declares that it is not an army. not an army.

RUDYARD KIPLING'S THANKS.

Graceful Acknowledgment of Courtesies Shown Him During His Illness. New York, April 3.-The following letthanks has been written by Rud

yard Kipling: "Hotel Grenoble, Easter Day, 1899. "Dear Sir: Will you allow me, through our columns, to attempt some acknowldgment of the wonderful sympathy, afection, and kindness shown toward me luring my recent illness, as well as the unfailing courtesy that controlled its expression? I am not strong enough to answer letters in detail, so I must take this means of thanking, as humbly as sincerely, the countless people of goodwill throughout the world who have put me under a debt I can never hope to re-

pay. Faithfully yours, "RUDYARD KIPLING." Mr. Kipling got out of bed yesterday for the first time since his illness. He is well

on the way toward complete recovery. OBJECTS TO PERSONAL TAXES.

William Walderf-Aster Declares He Is a Citizen, but Non-Resident, New York, April 3.-William Waldorf Astor, who recently arrived from England, accompanied by his counsel, Charles Peabody, jr., appeared before the Tax

oners to-day and filed an appl ation for the taking off of his personal taxes, estimated at \$2,000,000, on the round that he is a non-resident proprietor of the Pall Mall Gazette, in London.

President Feitner, of the Tax Board, sked Mr. Astor if he had given up his itizenship. Mr. Astor answered that he had not, but he declared that he is a non-resident.

President Feitner said that the matter would have to be referred to the full

Unskilled Artisans.

From the Detroit Free Press. Tim Murphy tells about a time when e ran across an old colored aunty on hot day, sitting under an awning and languidly fanning herself with her gingham apron.

thetically ventured Tim. "Deed it is, chile," replied the poor old oul. "deed it is. 'Tain't right fer to be

'Awfully hot, isn't it, Mammy?" sympa-

hot this a-way, I tell you, fo'ty yeahs ago, when the Lawd made the weather, hab no stewin' days, 'deed we didn't; but now dese yere biggoty men up at dis yer weather office, dey does sen' us anything dey pleases; an' dey aint skillful, chile, dey ain't skiliful."

Philadelphia's Growing Commerce. rom the Philadelphia Inquire

The receipts of the Philadelphia custom house for the month of March reached a native town to ashes is no impedimen is an increase of about three-quarters of houses are looted by the natives before a million over the month of March, 1898. It is probable that the fiscal year will show something like \$20,000,000 to the cred- cordance with the Tagai character, which

ruits of enterprise. We have virtually made a new harbor, have built great to the natives. The result would have broadened Delaware avenue, and have provided every facility for dence before the world of its unworth-ocean commerce. The one thing that is ness to ask cessions and the relinquishnow needful is a deep-water channel to

Revengeful Comment. From the Chicago Record.

"Think of the impudence of that le turer in requesting the women to remove their hats."
"Well, I suppose he wanted everybody o see that he is bowlegged."

A Reasonable Discount.

From the Fliegende Blatter. New Son-in-Law-Here's only 19,800 marks; you promised my wife a dowry of 20,000 Father-in-Law-I always knock off 2 per

ent. for cash.

"Papa, if you hadn't married mama-"

"What a lot o' fun me an' you could have-a doin' as we please!"

TALKS WITH -= HOTEL GUESTS

"Kansas is in a flourishing remarked Mr. Sidney G. Cooke, known lawyer of Herrington, that at the Arlington. "Where a few years ago it was impossible to borrow a dollar on agricultural lands, capitalists are now glad to loan on such security at 5 per

"Politically, the only noticeable feature is the decadence of Populism of the rabid sort that used to afflict us. With this decline there has come too a great the public mind on the finance. Free silver has not had vocates in Kansas that it had in 1895. I do not think that a free silver Pres tial candidate can carry the State would only drop the silver issue a strong platform condemnatory trusts and the expansion policy, would be some hope of success than one Western State.

"Our people are getting very about the continued encroachn trusts, and are beginning to suppression of these combinations necesssity of the near future. Thoughtf and conservative Republicans they are becoming a national find, too, many loyal Republi are opposed to the idea of territor quisition. Now here are issues that vital and up-to-date and on which Democratic Party could easily co They appeal to the best thought at triotism of the people. Why suc r made subordinate to a played-out is like the free coinage of silver is a mys-

"It is doubtless true that the T racy has no leader. No matter wha platform is, if Mr. Bryan be th the country will understand that sliver put ahead of all other things, the there should be no mention of it in platform. For that reason I regard fight as hopeless should the candidate of

"If the gentlemen who are prospread?" said Mr. T. O. Rockwell

the refrigerated beef had been chemically treated. Gen. Miles also will be given an opportunity to reappear. The Board is anxious to close the inquiry at the earliest possible moment, and it is believed they will be able to finish with the testimony this week. a circulation of money that would other-wise be tied up, and every class gets some of the benefit."

> The presence of ex-Senator Joe Blackourn in Washington is always good news to his many friends at the Capital. Mr. Blackburn, who was seen at Chamberlin's ast evening, is looking in splendid health and talks with all his old-time brillians Were it not for a troublesome Guber torial campaign in his own State, the fo mer Senator would have nothing to ma his serene enjoyment of the prospect of his own return to the United States S Kentucky is a three-cornered one contestants being Hon. William Goebel Hon. P. Wat Hardin, and ex-Congress The embarrassmen man Stone. dition is due to the fact that all three of one expects Blackburn's aid in securing

> Already the State press is calling upon him to declare his preference, and there is impatience on account of his silence. The followers of Goebel are especially eager to have the silver-tongued Black burn in line for their candidate, and the the Senator when he was making that des-

the situation is a very interesting one. "Are the Kansas people satisfied wit Mr. E. R. Lipton, of that State, at th

gladly repeal the law if a Legislature with perve enough to resubmit the question to the voters would come along. Prohibition is in our constitution, unfortunately, and But it is a failure, as everybody concedes. In none of our towns is there any pretense of obeying the law. In the cites it is openly defied, and in the small

but the liquor is sold just as freely as "The result of such contempt for the law is bad in more ways than one. Peo ple are led to disregard all laws and the State besides loses all the revenue that would come from open sale of intoxi

Enterprise.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The keen-eyed stranger sidled up to the tall man who was hurriedly shuffling over his mail.

"Beg pardon, sir," he said, "but if I am not mistaken you are one of the physicians of the sick author?"
"I am," remarked the tail man. "Thank you again," said the stranger.
"Then I assume that yours is one of the

names that appear on the hourly bulle "It does," said the tall man. "Thank you again," said the stranger And now, what I want to suggest is that ou permit me, for a handsome compet

sation, of course, to add these words at the bottom of each bulletin ger's Blood Eitters: They fight off dis "Sir!" snorted the tall man, trembling

with indignation, "those bulletins are not advertisements!" 'Aren't they?" screeched the peppers tranger. "Then take your own name off

And he stalked away, leaving the tall man speechless with rage.

An Exploded Philippine Idea, From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Enough has happened around Manila

within the last two months to dispose of the notion that the Filipinos are present to carry on an independent go principles necessary to sustain a modern nationality. Passion and foolish impuls control their reasoning and savager marks their conduct of a campaign. They burn villages in retreat, depriving thou sands of their own kindred of shelter a native town to askes is no probably the san increase of about three-quarters of houses are looted by the natives before t of this port.
We are already beginning to reap the ing. No more will be heard of turning lasting blot upon this country, an evidence before the world of its unworthment of sovereignty.

From the Chicago Tribune. Tuffold Knutt pulled off his fatigue hat, ighed mournfully, and said: interrupted the woman "Certainly," who had answered his knock, as she harded him a 1-cent piece and shut the kitchen door in his face. The moldy old vagabond looked at the oin, put it in his pocket, and then spoke

"I know what you afe, ma'am. You're Competition Too Kees.

his mind through the keyhole

From the Chicago Tribune

see Crimmins' building is more than half empty again. "Yes. He rented the second koor to 3 crass band and the third floor to a Populist debating club, and they both sot mad